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I believe I am an original, first, and joint inventor of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled:

**Method and System For Facilitating Medical Diagnostic Coding**

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the specification of which is submitted concurrently herewith

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above.

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I hereby claim the benefit under 35 U.S.C. §119(e) of any United States Provisional application(s) listed below.

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